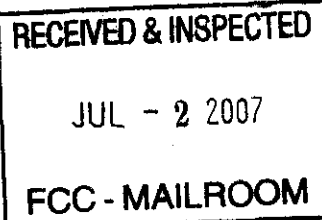


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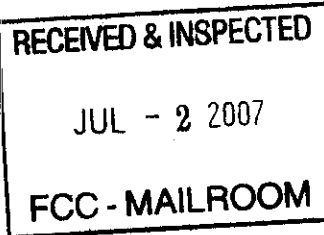
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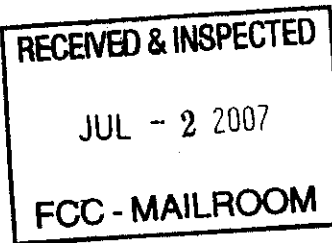
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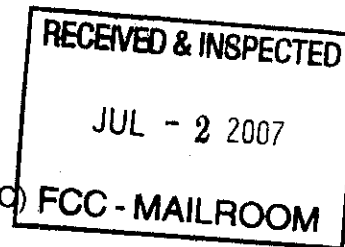
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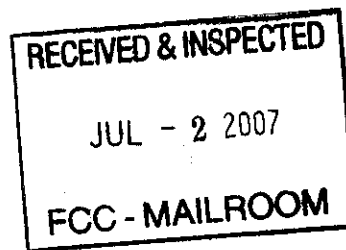
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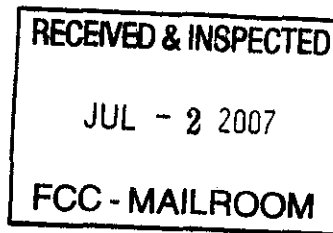
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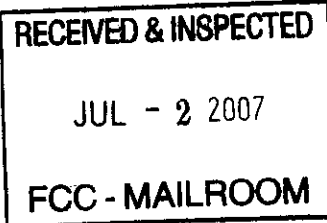
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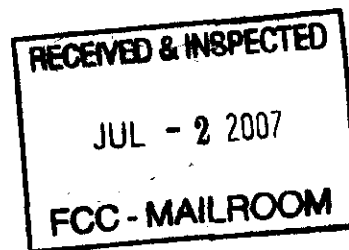
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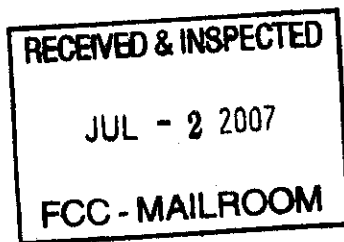
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PETITION

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It has come to our attention that the Federal Communications Commission has announced its intention to make drastic cuts in the Video Relay Service rate. This action will surely lead to troublesome outcomes in the conduct of future operations of the VRS such as:

- (1) Less Utilization of VRS – many of the deaf and hard of hearing persons do not have VRS equipment.
- (2) Growth – Less information spread to the hearing impaired about this new technology. This will lessen access to VRS.
- (3) Technology Improvements – providers will slow off from seeking improvements to their equipment and services.
- (4) Lessen investments in the training of more translators as necessitated by business growth.

Items #3 and #4 can easily be visualized by overseeing the development of the telephone industry. That industry had to train a lot of switchboard operators until future technological improvements took care of that workload.

Telephony started years ago, Startup took a tremendous amount of time, work and money. Now to improve telephony to include service to the deaf will not be so time consuming, cost related and technological improvement as of yore.

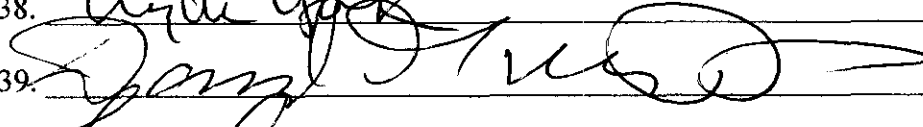
However, a fair, stable and guaranteed VRS rate is absolutely necessary, as for the providers: they need the VRS rate to be steady and guaranteed to maintain and improve their services.

In brief: the FCC should explore the avenues of providing service and development of videophone equipment, fulfilling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate of functionally equivalent telecommunication services.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the FCC establish a fair, stable and predictable VRS rate as it is.

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